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The latest dope on the Mexican situation is to the effect that President Huerta keeps a cellar full of fine Champagne, which he imbibes freely in order to keep his warlike spirits in good working order.

The rains that have fallen this week will "put season" in the ground and make winter ploughing more effective. The bad weather may temporarily cause a lull in retail business, but the reaction will come.

Ada News refers to the success of the recent Bryan County Fair, and urges it as a practical working example for Ada and that county to go by. A good county fair is one of the best advertisements that a county can create.

Thirteen thousand bales of cotton marketed in Durant this year, and prices averaging higher than last season. Merchants doing a business ahead of any year in five—yet some people still have the "nerve" to cry "hard times" and "no business."

The enthusiasm that has been worked up over the Oklahoma, Texas and Gulf highway promises to accomplish a great result, if attended by good, hard work. A few men, however, cannot build the road—wholesale public cooperation is necessary.

Vinita Leader says Mr. Cruce may run for the Senate if the newspapers keep up their nagging. Of course, we know that the Leader is published by Mr. Amos, who likewise is Mr. Cruce's secretary. We have not heard of any of the Oklahoma press advocating Mr. Cruce for the Senate, either.

Another victim of mail order buying. Lady ordered a winter coat, silk lined, well tailored, all wool. She sent a draft for \$11.72. The coat proved to have been "made" of the cheapest kind of cotton with a little wool mixed in, was lined with a cheap quality of goods about like gingham in quality.

ity, and only one of the buttons was sewed on tight. The same class of a garment can be bought anywhere in Durant for \$5.00 and it would be expensive at that.

By the number of times this paper has been asked as to the price of political announcements next year, we infer that the crop of candidates will be the largest in the country's history, and that the running will be fine. The more good men who run for the offices, the more chances the voters will have to make their selections.

The News-Capital of McAlester, Roy Williams' organ, intimates that it would be a real unkindness to the past Legislature to state that John Crawford and Bill Durant were "House Leaders." Of course Roy is a habitual legislator, who like others of the House, may have been the least bit envious of the influence of Messrs. Crawford and Durant with that body.

Republican periodicals are now attempting to discredit the Democratic administration by asserting that one already proven useless feature of the recent tariff bill has caused the Government a loss of \$10,000,000 annually, thereby upsetting the carefully figured plans of the fathers of the bill. These assertions, being unsupported by facts, will carry little weight.

A few, a very few, individuals accuse Bob Williams of feeding the Oklahoma City newspaper boys on Thanksgiving Day, for "political reasons." These few perhaps have not learned that Judge Williams makes practical philanthropy a habit and has done so for years, and that he spends more of his private funds to bring a ray of sunshine in some "other person's life," than he spends on himself.

Mr. Cruce has shown his "I, Me, I'm it" again—This time the big tilt comes up over the question of the management of the penitentiary at McAlester. Members of the board of prison control, having satisfied themselves that Warden Dick was the wrong man, asked his resignation. But Mr. Cruce appears with the ultimatum to the board of control that they will run the penitentiary as he (Cruce) wants it run or lose their jobs. Mr. Cruce, like some other executives we have read about, has the idea that he is a "whole show."

This week's rains, which have made the roads from Twelve Mile into Durant practically impassable, have furnished the greatest argument we ever saw for the speedy building of the highway, and the criss-crossing of a network of similarly constructed roads in this county. In other States they have sticky black land, where a rain of an inch furnishes mud for a month, but their roads are not impassable, for they have foreseen such things and built systems of roads that can be traveled rain or shine. Saving a dollar a head a year in taxes on roads, is expensive economy after all.

Leslie's Weekly editorially says that with the interstate commerce commission grinding freight rates down, railroad employees' wages up, the railroads are about to the point of operating at a loss. If the roads cannot declare dividends, they cannot sell bonds with which to maintain and improve roadbeds, rolling stock and service. Deterioration of

trackage, rolling stock and service means more wrecks, and human lives must pay the price. There are two sides to this corporation question, and many people are coming to believe that "commissions" perhaps are not serving the public in the best way after all.



About 8 o'clock last Monday night the residence of Mr. Langly was consumed by fire. On account of the bad condition of roads the fire boys were unable to get there. The contents of two rooms were saved. The family were away at the time. It started in the kitchen and before help could get there the contents of the kitchen and dining room were consumed. We understand that the building was well insured.—Kenefick Dispatch.

Two of our esteemed contemporaries the Durant News and the Ada News insist that Bill Durant of Durant and John Crawford of Ada were the leaders of the fourth Legislature. Governor Cruce has never shown any particular fondness for that body, but he hasn't said anything as unkind as that about it.—McAlester News-Capital.

Col. Jack Love of the State corporation commission has ordered 5,000 lithographs at \$115.00 per thousand. This does not look much like he had decided to make the race for Governor.—McAlester News-Capital.

W. E. Gill, the man who resigned the presidency of the Talcahuano normal the other day, is pretty "cute," rather he is "cute" twice. Gov. Cruce thought he was a good administration man and appointed him on the State board of education. Without saying the Governor notice Gill accepted the Talcahuano normal place. Supt. Wilson doubtless approved of that. Now Gill throws up the Talcahuano job to make the race for State superintendent with the statement that he thinks it unfair to make the race while holding a State job, plainly a thrust at Wilson who will be a candidate to succeed himself. We wonder if Wilson still thinks Gill a clever fellow and a perfect gentleman.—Vinita Leader.

Perhaps if the anti-Cruce editors roast him enough he will get into the race for the United States Senate. He's not afraid of ghosts or goblins.—Vinita Leader.

Billy Sunday says that if men were obliged to dance with men, and women with women, dancing wouldn't last a month. That's true; and we further state that if Billy Sunday was obliged to preach for the glory of God, and

for decent ordinary wages, he wouldn't stay in the ministry longer than the first waltz would last.—The Osage Chief.

The Durant News states that the recent fair held at that place netted a profit of 10 per cent, which will be applied to improvement of the grounds. The Durant fair seems assured as a permanent feature. A good example for Ada to follow.—Ada News.

Of course we think President Wilson should send an army into Mexico at once and clean up the kreasers. But if we had to go and risk losing our lives or pay the bulk of expenses just to gratify someone's whim we might not be so eager for a war. As far as we are individually concerned, we are willing to risk the President's and his cabinet's judgment.—Achille Press.

"Tickling the Editor" is the latest popular game that is going the rounds. The game is simple and any subscriber can play it by sending in that dollar on subscription.—Poteau News.

Some weeks ago a deal was made by which the Oklahoma State bank was acquired by new men. The officers had not all been selected until this week, hence no previous mention has been made by us of the change.

W. W. Boone remains president of the institution. H. Eichenberg is the cashier, and these with M. P. Haralson, R. P. Brewer and Chas. E. Head, are the new directors. Mr. Eichenberg is from Konowa, and was formerly vice-president of the Konowa National bank. Mr. Boone is a member of the Bama Company, and is well known already to Caddo folks. Mr. Haralson is also well known, having been in business here for six years. Mr. Brewer is cashier of the First National bank of McAlester. Mr. Head is president of the First National bank of Allen.—Caddo Herald.

MCCARTY SOLD HIS LAND.

C. C. McCarty this week sold to J. T. Thomas of Gunter, Texas, his 20 acres of land three miles west of the city, making 160 acres that he has sold in this party, aggregating the sum of \$8,000. Mr. McCarty has, by reason of this and another sale, disposed of \$10,000 worth of his own land within the past six days.

COURT AT BENNINGTON.

County Judge J. L. Rannollie and stenographer, Miss Maud Courtney, went to Bennington Monday morning, when the branch county court convened at that place. Quite a heavy docket awaited the court.

Dr. J. L. Reynolds

—Specialist—

EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Glasses Properly Fitted

Office over Corner Drug Store, Durant, Oklahoma

FOR EXCHANGE

Bring your corn to us and get meal and chops in exchange for same. We are prepared to give you prompt service at any time and will give you meal that is ground from corn which we have thoroughly cleaned before grinding.

Durant Grain & Elevator Co.

Plant located just below Oil Mill Plant

S. E. NORMAL'S GAMES WITH ADA

During the past four years the Southeastern Normal school of this city has played four football games with the Ada Normal team, winning three of the games and the fourth being a tied score. The results of all four games have been as follows:

1910, Durant 49;	Ada 0
1911, Durant 5;	Ada 5
1912, Durant 27;	Ada 13
1913, Durant 53;	Ada 13

DEADLY FIREBUG MENACE.

(By Joseph Johnson, Fire Commissioner of New York.)

Night after night I have been called to fires where the clear white flames bursting from many or all windows indicated the use of alcohol. Even the newly recruited fireman would exclaim, "A touch off!"

The professional firebug is a deadly menace to the community, a cunning and conscienceless criminal who works in secret and is wholly reckless of the lives he may endanger, whose one thought is financial gain for himself, regardless of what the consequences may be for others, and who only too often finds safety within the law.

To those of us to whom the suffering and horror which too often follows in the wake of fire are thoroughly familiar, the firebug is beyond the pale of consideration. The burglar or highwayman at least runs chances of himself receiving deadly injury, but the firebug may be quietly and in personal comfort building up an alibi while his victims are being roasted to death.

We firemen do not presume to point out to those in authority what the

remedy for this state of affairs should be, but we most urgently recommend that others whose business it is should not only continue their present activities, but extend them and keep on extending them until the accursed crime of arson is suppressed.

I am of the opinion that careful studies along the lines of revision of the law, severe penalties, continued activity and vigilance on the part of public officials and a full and complete co-operation with them by the insurance companies, as well as self-protection by the owners of buildings, by discrimination in the selection of tenants, would tend largely toward the stamping out of the crime of arson or toward its control.

There is no meaner or more despicable criminal on earth than he who deliberately plans what may become a horrible holocaust for the sake of personal gain.

STONE'S COUGH SYRUP

Is the best known cough syrup—we recommend it for all asthmatic coughs—Price 25c per bottle.

STONE-KIMBRIEL DRUG CO.

2 STORES

(The Rexall Store)

EGGS! EGGS!

40 cents a dozen and none to sell

Get you a box of the

TWENTIETH CENTURY POULTRY REMEDY

And have eggs to eat and eggs to sell

Will cure your hens of Roup, Sore Head Limber Neck and Cholera and put them in a healthy condition.

Sold, recommended and guaranteed by

W. E. England & Son

If this Remedy fails in any way come back and get your money. Manufactured and guaranteed by ROSS & CO., Durant, Oklahoma.

Cold
Weather
Comingtime to get that
Kendall overcoat

\$10 to \$25

Kendall Clothing Company

One price to all

Our Kinfolks in
ARKANSASuse a
MAJESTIC RANGE

It was the first

ever set up in the town of Hope, Hempstead County, Ark. We sold this range. The second generation of white babies is now eating nigger cooking off of that stove. Twenty years ago we ate possum and sweet potatoes baked in the oven of that range. The recollection of that dinner abides with us yet.

We still sell this range. Your Christmas dinner will be better if cooked on a Majestic Range.

Let us show you at our store.

A. L. Severence Hardware Co.

Durant, Okla.

Here is a
gift that is a
gift

Make a small payment now—secure delivery in time for Christmas—and complete the purchase when convenient during next year. No one thing can possibly give so much pleasure to so many people, for so long a time, at so little cost, as a Columbia Gramophone. We have Columbias to fit every variety of taste or purse—ranging in price from \$17.50 to \$500. Only one small payment puts one of these incomparable gifts in your home.

Important Notice.

All Columbia records will play on Victor talking machines. Likewise, all Columbia Gramophones will play Victor records.



Sinclair's Confectionery

Main Street

Phone 262

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

The time for figuring on that Christmas Gift is here. What will you present your son or daughter? Had you thought about it? The appreciation with which a gift is received is dependent upon its usefulness (meaning that expensive trifles and useless ornaments are poor gifts). Can you think of anything that would be more useful to your children or more appreciated by them as a Christmas Gift than

A BANK ACCOUNT

Make an initial deposit in this bank for your boy or girl, let it draw interest as a time deposit, and add to it every Christmas, and your child will have a nice little "nest egg" when he becomes of age.

DURANT NATIONAL BANK

CHRISTMAS
SUGGESTIONS

The time has come when people have "cut out" the buying of trifles for Christmas Gifts, and are substituting articles of usefulness. Practical gifts are more appreciated by the recipient than useless trinkets.

Allow us to suggest that there is no more practical gift for any member of the family than some article of home furnishings, which will stand as a monument to the giver. We would offer some of the following:

FOR FATHER: An easy Morris chair, a Smoking Set, a leather rocker, or a wardrobe.

FOR MOTHER: A Hastings Kitchen Cabinet, a dining table and chairs, a bedroom suite, an easy rocker, a sewing chair, a sewing machine.

FOR BROTHER: An easy chair, a wardrobe trunk, a Seely mattress to make his bed "sleep well."

FOR SISTER: A dressing table with low backed chair to match, a Princess dresser, a Birdseye Maple bedroom suite, or a sewing chair.

Our stock is larger, better and more complete than ever before in this store's history. We can supply almost any demand for high class home furnishings, right out of stock, and our prices are always right. Visit our store, and see the hundreds of practical, useful articles of furniture on display, which will make the finest of Christmas gifts.

DURANT FURNITURE CO.